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monary tuberculosis, 14; rheumatism, 3; senile debility, 6; still born, 9; syncope, 3; tetanus neonatorum, 4; enteric fever, 1; umbilical hemorrhage, 1; other causes, 9.

During the same period there were reported 11 cases of smallpox, with no deaths.

Reports from Rio de Janeiro—Plague—Smallpox increasing—Public health—Compulsory vaccination.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Stewart reports, August 17, as follows:

During week ended the 13th instant the following vessels were inspected, issued bills of health, and sailed for United States ports:

On the 11th instant the British steamship *Homer*, for New Orleans, with a cargo of coffee, no passengers, and with no change in the personnel of the crew while in this port.

This ship was the second to sail from here for New Orleans via Barbados, the first being the British steamship *Newton*, which sailed from here on the 1st instant, with orders to stop at that port for disinfection, in order to avoid detention and disinfection at New Orleans. The order governing these vessels, to which I made reference in my cablegram to your office of the 11th instant, directs the agents of the Lamport and Holt Line here to order this procedure on the part of all their vessels, as arrangements have been completed with the United States health authorities, by virtue of which the disinfection at Barbados is to be made by a United States health official, and in consequence of it all such vessels arriving at New Orleans healthy will be allowed free entry, i. e., no disinfection or detention.

This order is causing much pleasure among the shippers here, as the detention of five days at New Orleans during the closed season has always been most disagreeable to the shipping people at this port.

No other vessels left this port for the United States during the period under consideration.

Plague in Peru.

A dispatch of date of the 15th instant states that the bubonic plague increases daily in Trujillo, becoming more and more serious.

Pernambuco health statistics.

A dispatch of date of the 12th instant, from Pernambuco, states that during the last fortnight of last month (July) there were in all 428 deaths, the greatest daily mortality was 41, and the lowest 18, and the average 26.7. General coefficient of mortality per thousand of the population, 51.5. No statements as to causes of deaths.

Sanitary reports of Rio de Janeiro.

During this week, ended August 14, there were in all, 438 deaths. Of this very large number none were caused by yellow fever, nor were there any cases of this disease, from which this city has been absolutely free for more than 2 weeks to this date. This state of affairs at the beginning of the warm season is most satisfactory and is a proof of the very excellent work being done here by the health department.